



Baseball Bits 2012



KEY DATES

Registration Begins	Jan. 3
Registration Ends	Feb. 23
Evaluation Day (7-12 yr olds)	Mar. 11
Games can Begin (Prep / Middle School)	Apr. 9
Coaches get rosters (7-12 yr olds)	Apr. 4
Practices can begin	Apr. 9
Games Begin (Ages 7-12)	May 5
Games Begin (Ages 5-6)	May 12

RAIN-OUTS

Games - If the weather is questionable, call the Parks & Recreation Activity Line (376-2682) or listen to local radio stations.

Practice - Please call your coach to check the status of practices. The Parks & Recreation staff will not have that info.

IMPORTANT Email Policy!!

The Parks and Recreation Department emails **ALL** reminder post-cards as well as registration receipts. You **WILL NOT** receive them in the mail! Help us ensure that you still receive them by keeping your family's email current! If you express interest in coaching when registering, a division manager may contact you through the email or phone number you have on file with the Parks & Rec. department.

Aging Date

Beginning with the 2006 season Babe Ruth Baseball changed the date by which it determines a player's league. The Columbus Parks & Recreation leagues are governed by Babe Ruth so we will be following their aging date of **April 30** of the current year. A player's age on 4/30/2012 will determine what league he/she plays in this year. Please contact your division manager or Donner Center with any questions at

Evaluation Day

All participants in the 7-12 year old divisions will attend the "Evaluation Day", March 11 at the Columbus North Gymnasium. Gym number and times TBA. In an effort to provide team parity, all participants will be evaluated to better place them on a team. Attendance of the evaluation is important as ALL participants will be evaluated based on the same criteria. Each child will participate in a series of baseball skills assessment drills at various stations. When all of the stations have been completed, the child is done with the evaluation. At the conclusion of the Evaluation Weekend, National and American divisions will be formed based on the evaluation results. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's division manager. (See below)

DIVISION MANAGERS

The Division Managers are the critical link between the coaches and the baseball board. They also better link Parks and Recreation to the coaches.

Division Managers are empowered to handle many situations as they arise throughout the baseball season. Division Managers are often coaches themselves. Their closeness to practices and games of the other coaches make them the perfect accessible contact.

2012 Division Managers

T-Ball	Oscar Rains	378-4603
Jr. CP	John Boldrey	372-5994
CPA	Jeremy Hurd	447-9403
CPN	Jeff Cornn	378-5935
PW	Larry Thrasher	375-1288
Midget/ Prep	Brad Glenn	342-1411

Background Checks & Code of Conduct

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Recreation Dept. will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require Background Checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website.

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Please feel free to call Mark Jones or Patrick Senn at 376-2680 with any questions.



What to Expect

When will I hear from my child's coach? All coaches will receive their rosters by April 4th. The coaches will be calling all of their players over the following weeks.

Can my child change teams if he/she cannot make it to practice? NO. Instead, we require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because the child is not able to get to practice.

What if I have a problem? See your coach first. If that does not help, contact your Division Manager. (see front)

What about uniforms? Each player ages 5-8 will receive a t-shirt and cap. Pee Wee, Midget and Prep teams also receive hats and t-shirts which are sponsored by local businesses. Coaches will distribute uniforms prior to the first game.

How can I get involved? We are always looking for people to assist in any way. Call Mark Jones at 376-2680 at Parks & Rec..



Prep League

The prep leagues will be divided into two age groups. The 13 year olds will be in one league and the 14-15 year olds will be in another league. Players cannot be playing on a high school team. Travel is required for both leagues. If enrollment is low, the age groups may be combined. All players must attend the evaluation days.

The Prep League evaluation days are TBA. Registered participants will be called with this information.

Questions & Answers

T-Ball / Jr. Coach Pitch

- **What happens if a game is cancelled because of bad weather?**
Make up games are played on Sunday with games beginning at 1 pm.
- **How long is the season?**
There are 6 games beginning May 12, all on Saturdays.
- **Are there awards?**
Yes! All participants receive one.

Coach Pitch / Pee Wee / Midget

- **What happens if a game is cancelled because of bad weather?**
Make up games are scheduled for the first available Friday. Coaches will let players know make up dates.
- **How long is the season?**
It is a 10 game season with a single elimination tournament. The season begins with a Jamboree on Sat. May 5th.
- **Are there awards?**
Yes! All CP American participants receive an award. CP National, Pee Wee, and Midget Leagues give tournament awards for 1st & 2nd place.

More Baseball Questions?

Do you have questions that aren't answered here? Need additional information?
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Columbus Wildcats

This is the travel team division with the Columbus Babe Ruth Baseball and the official representation of the program in the Babe Ruth Tournament. Six teams are offered: Coach Pitch (8), 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 year olds. Teams are selected from published, open try-outs of all participants in the Parks & Recreation



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GAME DAYS

T-Ball	Saturday AM
Jr. Coach Pitch	Saturday AM
Coach Pitch	Monday-Thursday
Pee Wee	Monday-Thursday
Midget	Monday-Thursday
Prep	Monday-Saturday